IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims in accordance with the following rewritten claims in clean form. Applicant includes herewith an Attachment for Claim Amendments showing a marked up version of each amended claim. Note that the brackets [**] do not indicate deletions.

- 1. (Amended) Magnetic powder composed of an alloy composition represented by R_x(Fe_{1-y}Co_y)_{100-x-z-w}B_zNb_w (where R is at least one rare-earth element, x is 7.1 9.9at%, y is 0 0.30, z is 4.6 6.9at%, and w is 0.2 3.5at%), the magnetic powder being constituted from a composite structure having a soft magnetic phase and a hard magnetic phase, wherein the magnetic powder has magnetic properties in which, when the magnetic powder is formed into an isotropic bonded magnet by mixing with a binding resin and then molding, the irreversible susceptibility (χ_{irr}) which is measured by using an intersection of a demagnetization curve in the J-H diagram representing the magnetic properties at room temperature and a straight line which passes through the origin in the J-H diagram and has a gradient (J/H) of -3.8 x 10⁻⁶H/m, as a starting point is equal to or less than 5.0 x10⁻⁷ H/m, and the intrinsic coercive force (H_{CJ}) of the bonded magnet at room temperature is in the range of 320 720 kA/m.
- 2. (Amended) The magnetic powder as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the magnetic powder is formed into an isotropic bonded magnet having a density ρ [Mg/m³] by mixing with a binding/resin and the molding the remanent magnetic flux

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density Br[T] at room temperature satisfies the relationship represented by the formula of Br/ ρ [x10⁻⁶T·m³/g] \geq 0.125.

3. (Amended) The magnetic powder as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the magnetic powder is formed into an isotropic bonded magnet by mixing with a binding resin and then molding the absolute value of the irreversible flux loss (initial flux loss) is equal to or less than 6.2%.

5. (Amended) The magnetic powder as claimed in claim 1, wherein said R includes Pr and a ratio of Pr with respect to the total mass of said R is 5 – 75%.

- 6. (Amended) The magnetic powder as claimed in claim 1, wherein said R includes Dy and a ratio of Dy with respect to the total mass of said R is equal to or less than 14%.
- 7. (Amended) The magnetic powder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the magnetic powder has been obtained by quenching the alloy in a molten state.
- 8. (Amended) The magnetic powder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the magnetic powder has been obtained by milling a melt spun ribbon of the alloy with a cooling roll.

9. (Amended) The magnetic powder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the magnetic powder has been subjected to a heat treatment for at least once during the manufacturing process or after manufacturing.

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Please cancel Claim 14 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.